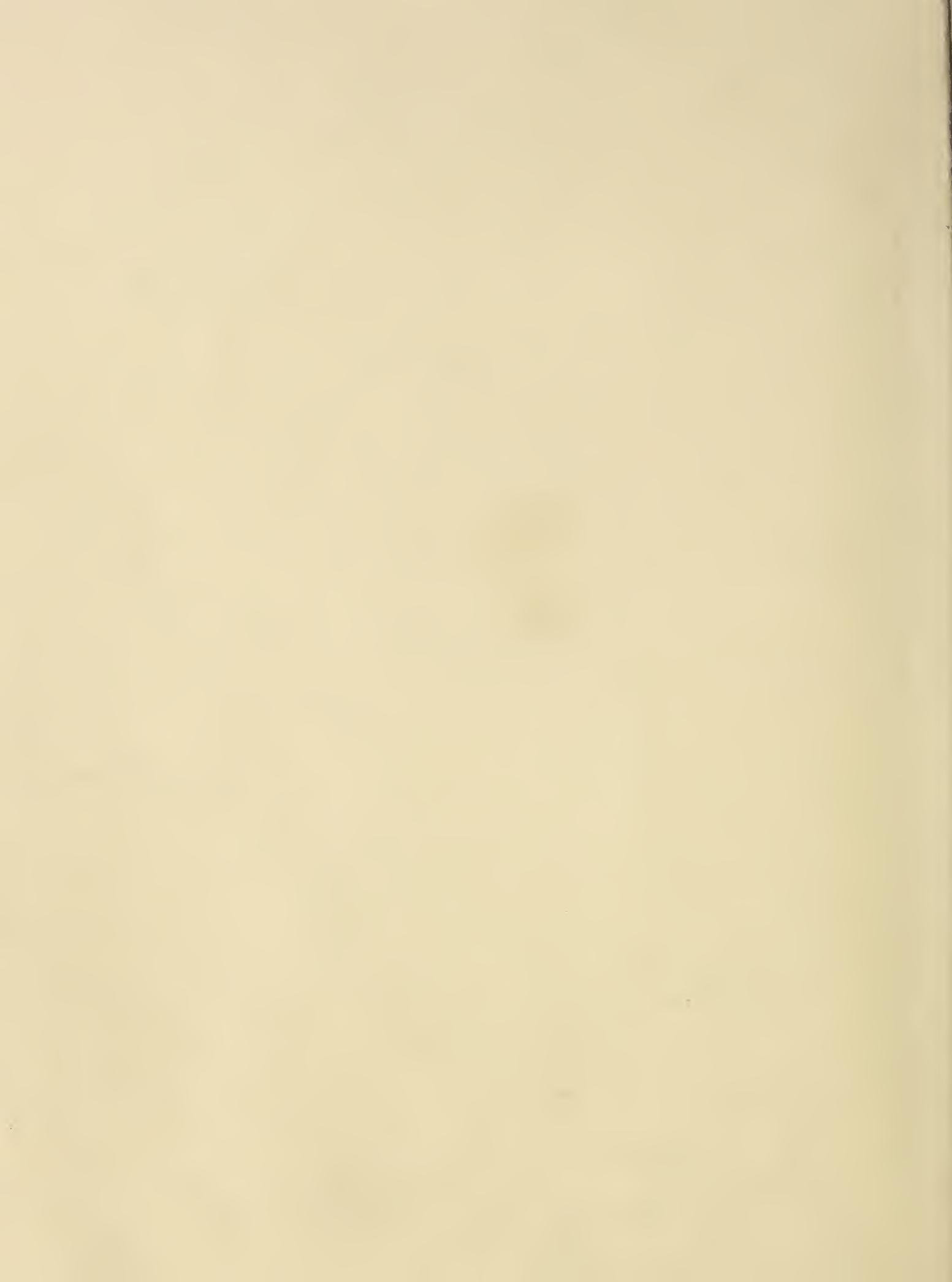


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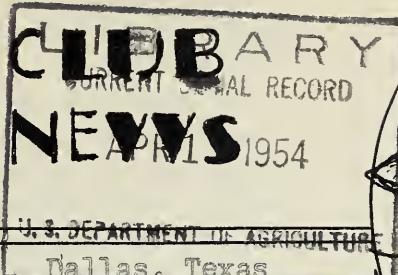
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ADDIE BENNING OF THE CSS COMMODITY OFFICE WILL RETIRE FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE AFTER LONG AND COLORFUL CAREER

Mrs. Addie P. Benning, an employee of the CSS Commodity Office, has set her retirement date as of March 31, 1954.

She entered Government Service with the Public Works Administration, Division of Investigation, in Dallas, Texas in June 1934, and she remained with

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L. J. CAPPLERMAN, STATE DIRECTOR OF TEXAS FARMERS HOME

ADMINISTRATION, WILL RESIGN POSITION EFFECTIVE APRIL 2

L. J. Cappleman, State Director of the Texas Farmers Home Administration, is leaving his post effective April 2. He has served since January 1947, when the Agency was established.

Mr. Cappleman's first government service was as a county supervisor of the Texas Rural Communities, Inc., a Texas organization formed in the early

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PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES IN REACTIVATING THE DALLAS FEDERAL BUSINESS ASSOC.

In reactivating the Dallas Federal Business Association on March 5, 1954, attendance 346 members, the great change is that it is now proposed that all federal employees living in the Dallas community may, if they are interested, enroll as an active member in the Association and if they are interested,

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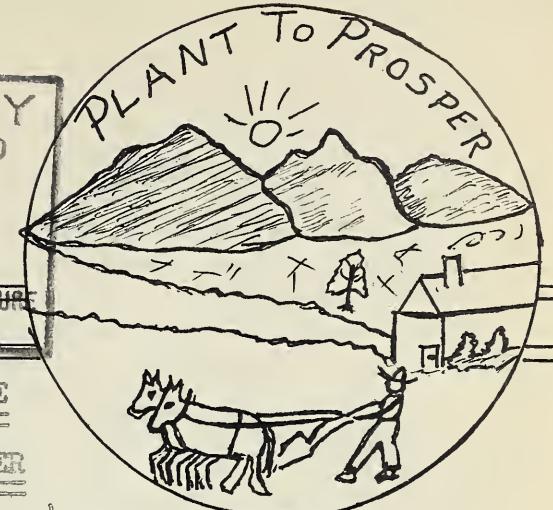
BENNIE C. TALLAS RESIGNS POSITION

By Ruth C. Brown

Bennie C. Tallas, Poultry Products Grader for the Poultry Division, AMS, has resigned his position with the Department, as of March 21, 1954, to enter private industry.

Tallas began his service with this Department in 1949 and has been headquartered in Dallas,

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RUTH R. SHIELDS RESIGNS FROM CSS

Ruth R. Shields made the remark several weeks ago that she thought she could afford it and that she was going to retire.

And that's exactly what she did on March 12.

Now, after more than 10 years of shuttling from Dallas to Austin, to Washington, D. C., to Oklahoma City to Washington again and then to Dallas again, Ruth can be found at her home in Carrollton.

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FORMER CSS EMPLOYEE IS AWARDED MERITORIOUS CIVILIAN SERVICE AWARD

By Lucille Dickey

Mrs. Ivy Blair, a former employee of CSS, was pleasantly and completely surprised when on February 1, 1954, she was presented before an assembly of officers and personnel of the Navy Department, a Certificate of Merit, a pin and a letter of commendation.

The letter stated that since her appointment

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**WHAT DOES LENT
MEAN TO YOU?**

It has been nobly said that the life of a successful person is divided into three periods--preparation, meditation and dedication--and that no life can be truly successful without the observance of such periods through study, prayer, and service relative to one's chosen profession or life's work.

Many times we become negligent of our ambitions and proceed in the direction to defeat our own purposes.

At such times, it seems the well of life is almost empty. But as we observe Lent, something wonderful and refreshing seems to happen and the well of our souls seems to gush forth again and anew!

Maybe we give up a candy bar, a cup of coffee or a package of cigarettes to which we are daily accustomed. Because of habit, we are reminded each time of our desire for these things.

Then are our thoughts of meditation strengthened and of dedication furthered in the fact that this small sacrifice can and will mean something worthy can be advanced and not only have the infinite possibilities been recognized but our own souls are enriched.

**SHELL EGG COURSE
TO BE APRIL 20-22**

By Ruth C. Brown

J. A. Bybee, Federal State Supervisor, Poultry Division, announces that in cooperation with the Texas State Department of Agriculture, the Poultry Division will hold a Shell Egg Grading Short course at Texas A & M College, College Station, Texas, April 20-22.

This course will be attended by licensed graders (both Federal and bonded) in Texas and New Mexico, as well as by interested members of industry.

Frank J. Santo, Regional Grading Supervisor, Des Moines, Iowa, will be present and lead some of the discussions. Other topics will be discussed by E. D. Parcell, Dr. W. A. Boney, Jr., J. H. Quisenberry and other members of Texas A & M College faculty.

There will be a registration fee of \$5 for those attending and those who complete the course will be awarded Certificates of completion by Dean C. N. Shepardson of the College.

Reason Enough

Bride: "I think we should open a new bank account."

Hubby: "Why?"

Bride: "Our old one doesn't have any money in it."

**PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES IN
REACTIVATING THE DALLAS
FEDERAL BUSINESS ASSOC.
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participate in a direct program of community activities by the Association.

The federal employees living in the Dallas community number in the several thousands, but as a group they are unknown to each other and are unknown to the Dallas community which we represent. This is primarily because the federal departments and agencies employing them are officially serving areas comprising a number of states and are not directly serving the community of Dallas. Among the federal employees there are many who individually are outstanding in community activities of a non-partisan nature, but the support given by the large number that make up all the federal employees is a community asset that is largely unrecognized.

In creating a feeling of service to the Dallas community through a membership no longer limited to the executive heads of the departments and agencies of federal government in the community, it is proposed that there shall be a regular meeting on the first Wednesday of each quarter.

The President and directors of the organization will meet as often as needed and at least once a month. At these

quarterly meetings it will be possible not only for federal employees to know each other, but also for employees to know the heads of other federal agencies with whom they may be dealing in times of disaster or emergency and it will also be possible for community leaders to participate in such quarterly meetings.

Time will not be spent with reference to the purposes of the Association as they relate to greater efficiency and economy in the transaction of government business except to quote the statement made by the Director of Procurement of the Department of the Treasury in commenting on Executive Order 6166 dated June 10, 1933 on the subject of Federal Business Associations when he said:

"Federal Business Associations are in a conspicuous position to render excellent service toward the goal of maximum return to the United States for every expenditure of public monies and in their field they are the guardians of a high order in opposing waste, extravagance, and duplication of effort against which all employees of the United States are enjoined to war."

The average federal employee is also a good citizen of the Dallas

community and it is with reference to the purposes of the Dallas Federal Business Association as they relate to the opportunity for federal employees as a group to engage in nonpartisan community activities as an association. Two of the purposes of the Association are to:

1. Promote better relationship and understanding between federal employees and other citizens of the community.

2. Provide an organization through which federal employees may participate in worthwhile community, benevolent and other activities.

In introducing employees of the federal government the following definitions should be applicable:

1. In the United States the people govern themselves by law.

2. In the United States people elect or appoint public servants to legislate, interpret and execute these laws.

3. A federal employee should act honestly, truthfully, constructively to discharge his duties and his loyalties as a public servant.

The true federal employee adheres to the above. It is the other type who brings on adverse criticism and embarrassment to federal employees as enumerated above.

The meeting of March 5 was thus an unveiling and

PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES IN
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a dedication. An unselfing of the face of the federal employees of Dallas as a group to each other and to the Dallas community, represented by Mayor's Office, County Judge's Office, and President of Chamber of Commerce.

A dedication in that the individual desire to be a constructive part of the community can be, through the Dallas Federal Business Association, turned into an important and constructive cooperative effort to serve the Dallas community. Cooperative effort that flows from the will and from the heart is in the great powerhouse of our Democracy. In this manner the actions of federal employees shall establish an example for the Dallas community to observe and to judge and shall be the best answer to criticism of federal employees which come from the one or two bad examples that normally receive more publicity and hence more recognition in the minds of the general public.

Federal employees as a group are not alone among those groups who are often judged by the worst within their group. Doctors have often been criticized as a group because of actions of the few "quacks" within their profession. Lawyers as a group have been criti-

cized because of publicity given to the few "jacklegs" in the group. Ministers have for years been plagued by the few "Elmer Gannys" within their profession. It is thus to be expected that Federal employees will be criticized because of the few security risks. The only way for the true federal workers to witness in their defense is by the example which they set not only in their official services but also in their community services whereby their neighbors knew them for what they actually are.

Therefore, it is proposed for consideration at an appropriate time that to the name of our reactivated organization there be added a motto to be used always with the name, to wit:

The Dallas Federal Business Association, Dedicated to Serving the Dallas Community.

RUTH SHIELDS, Continued

She has her yard to look after, also her husband, Jim, and her parrot, Polly. She'll do some re-decorating and sewing. But right now, Ruth says she's catching up on her rest and doing a lot of chores she couldn't find time to do while she was working.

At the time of her resignation, she was secretary to C. H. Moseley, Director, Commodity Stabilization Service. She was presented several nice gifts by co-workers.

FORMER CSS EMPLOYEE, Cont'd.

June 14, 1953 she had distinguished herself by performing in a highly exemplary manner all tasks assigned to her. She set a record of achievement in the filing functions; so well organized her work methods that a substantial savings in manpower resulted and also increased the general efficiency of the office.

This is the second highest award given to civilian workers by the Navy and all of us who have worked with Ivy are happy that she received this honor. Presentation was made by Captain C. M. Jett.

BENNIE C. TALLAS, Cont'd.

Fort Worth and other cities in Texas.

"Bennie" will be remembered by many as the boy who made such a miraculous recovery from polio in 1950. Our loss is private industry's gain.

It's Okay!

"Darling," apologized the wife, "the new maid has burned the eggs. Would you be satisfied with a couple of kisses for breakfast?"

"Sure," said hubby, looking up from his paper, "send her in."

Employee suggestions are always welcome and are adopted many times.

AROUND THE OFFICE
WITH PAD AND PENCIL

By Lola Agnes Chancellor

There is always something new and interesting happening to personnel in the Program Operations Division; exciting vacations, new grandchildren, nieces or nephews, distinguished visitors, birthdays.....bigger, better or worse than your own.

TRAVELERS

Bill Campbell, Dave Wells, Opal McDonald, Gene Sims, and Charles D. Skelton are back from Cincinnati where they have been on detail for approximately three weeks helping the new employees of the Cincinnati office off to a good start. Welcome home, Opal, Dug, Gene, Dave and Bill. We missed all of you. Though you did a wonderful job while there and fulfilled all the requirements of your mission we need you here and are glad to have you back.

Cecilia Patterson brings us a very interesting report of her vacation in Phoenix, Arizona. She and Pat left Dallas and all the dust behind to arrive in Phoenix where the temperature was 100 degrees, where the swimming pools and golf courses were crowded with vacationists; she reports there was no rain the whole trip, perfect weather for a winter vacation.

Among the many interesting places they visited were the training centers of the baseball clubs where they watched the Cubs in
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HOPE FOR DECISION ON INDEFINITES BY JULY FIRST

By Rector B. Meyer

Civil Service Commission officials say they hope for a decision no later than July 1 on the job future of an estimated 700,000 Indefinite (temporary) Federal employees.

Except in the Postal service most Government workers appointed since September 1, 1950 hold Indefinite appointments.

The decision facing the Commission is how many now should be given Probational (permanent) appointments, and the increased job protections that goes with them.

The answer, officials say, will depend in large part on whether Congress repeals the Whitten rider, which among other things, limits the total of permanent workers to the September 1, 1950 level.

At present the number is about 250,000 below that level.

Should the rider be retained, the Commission is expected to tell agencies to convert perhaps 175,000 Indefinite appointments to Permanent. This would mean only those Indefinites who won their jobs by passing regular civil service exams would be considered, and advancement to permanent status probably would be based mainly on seniority.

Should the rider be repealed, and observers think its fairly likely, the Commission would face three alternatives, including ordering permanent appointments for those who have passed regular exams, and perhaps giving a chance to those Indefinites who were appointed non-competitively to qualify for permanent appointments in some cases, through new examination. (From the FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE BIWEEKLY NEWSLETTER dated 3/17/54.)

USDA CLUB MEMBERS DEVOTING SPARE TIME
TO CLASS ROOM AND CORRESPONDENCE STUDIES

A large number of the members of the USDA Club are to be commended by making excellent use of their spare time in many hours a week to furthering their education.

One of our members had made an extensive survey of those attending schools or enrolled in correspondence courses and we feel that our other members will be surprised to learn that so many of our co-workers are taking advantage of this spare time. Pressure of the current work doesn't keep them from going to school.

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Mesa, Arizona and the Giants at Phoenix, they had the thrill of watching Leo D. Roher and Willie Mays. (Exclusive, don't you think?) Imagine watching Phil Harris playing golf on the Phoenix Open Golf Tournament (Pat's husband -- who also is Pat - is an ardent golf fan). Lea-Z-a Gabor was at the Camelback Inn where she was staying while completing her picture soon to be released. There were many other points of interest, such as Scottsdale, Tucson, Mesa and the Indian Villages in Arizona and of course there were interesting points in Texas.

As this report goes to press, we have a very distinguished visitor in the office, just returned from Denver, Colorado for a visit. Pamela is a little doll; so glad she and Mother came with Bill. It was good to see all of you.

TALENTS

Our special talent Guest of the Month: -
Lorena Smith

Lorena is a very modest, naive, friendly, quiet, hard working clerk in the Rate Verification & Analysis Unit, Traffic Sec., POD. For a number of years, Lorena played the organ at the Palace, Majestic, Old Mill and Melba Theatres, spending her Sundays playing for the Central Christian Church, 4711 W. Side Ave., Dallas, during all this time also found time to play for weddings, funerals and any other occasion whenever called upon. Since Lorena has had to give up (Cont'd Page 7)

Club Members Devoting Spare Time, etc., Cont'd

The following employees of CSS are participating in class attendance to further their education as well as help them acquire better positions which may become available:

Name	School	Course
Bill Wakefield	Dallas College of SMU	Geology, Physiology
Harold Williams	" " "	-Geology, Religion
Douglas Skelton	" " "	-Physiology
Carol Davis	" " "	-Accounting 72
Bill Williamson	" " "	-Traffic Management
Kenneth Moore	" " "	"
Leota Smith	" " "	-Comptometer

Employees of CSS who are participating in correspondence Courses:

Hazel Cunningham	LaSalle Extension Univ.	-Accounting
Pat Winton	" " "	"
Marshall Dowlen	" " "	"
Bill Wakefield	Southern Methods Univ.	- English
Harold Williams	" " "	"
Felix Segura	" " "	- Radio Repair
Felton Overby	" " "	- Accounting
Asa Douglas	" " "	"

JOB OPPORTUNITIES ANNOUNCED THROUGH CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS FOR DUTY IN 8TH REGION & WASHINGTON

Our bulletin board on the first floor, 3306 Main Street, now carries current examination announcements for the 8th Civil Service Region, of which Dallas is a part, the Washington office, and various Civil Service Board of Examiners. Many are open continuously, such as

8th Regional: Stenographer GS-2 thru GS-4
Typist GS-1 thru GS-4
Accounting & Auditing Clerk GS-4 thru 6
Statistician GS-7 thru 11
Shorthand Reporter GS-6 thru 9

Washington: Agricultural Marketing Specialist GS-7 thru 13
Agriculturalist GS-7 thru 15
Agricultural Research Scientist GS-7 thru 14

The announcements carry all information regarding filing requirements, qualifications, places of employment, etc. Application forms can be obtained from Margarette Hawk, Room 211 Commodity Office, and Sally Bird, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, 405 U.S. Terminal Annex Building.

TALENTS, etc. Cont'd.

much of her time to the care of her brother, Colonel Fairbanks, who has been seriously ill, having undergone surgery of the most serious nature, it has been difficult for her to maintain her standing appointment as organist at the Church but remains as assistant and is there whenever possible. Her main hobby at the present time is playing for weddings. There is seldom a week passes that she does not play for several weddings (maybe some of our young people contemplating marriage will remember, here's your organist).

As a teacher of organ she belonged to the Schubert Choral Club, played for the club meetings; for many years awarded a scholarship to outstanding music students who wanted to further their music education by studying the organ. On her list are many prominent organists of this city who owe their start to Lorena for her scholarships and private lessons.

Our hats off to you, Lorena - we find our happiness in doing the things we love the most and you have shared this happiness with many others.

We are sorry to hear about Margie Kavanaugh's accident. It seems that she and a certain young gentleman were dancing recently and through some freak accident Margie ends up in the hospital with a broken arm. Seriously, Margie, we have surely

missed you and are so glad to see you back today. You really lift the morale of the office with that beautiful smile, no one can take your place.

Mary Rogers was wearing a beautiful corsage of green carnations and the Shamrock St. Patrick's Day. Though Mary is from Scotland she celebrated for her father, whose name by the way was Patrick and his home was in County Tyrone, Ireland.

HELPFUL HARRY

Jenelle asked Alice for Maybeline.

Before Alice could answer, Irene said, "I have some, is it for your eyes?" The reply was "Yes."

The search began and ended with Irene handing Jenelle the murine instead of Maybeline.

Well, spring fever has really taken over. Everywhere you look this Friday afternoon you see a yawn, stretch of arms and a big sign--Some thinking of those flower beds, the lawn, the sprinkler, the lake where there are no fish - and others thinking of the closets to be cleaned, draperies to send to laundry, furniture to be recovered -- Ah yes!!! 'tis Spring - there's no doubt about it.

Timesaver

Teacher: "Jimmy, name a great time saver."

Jimmy: "Love at first sight."

J. T. HEDGEPETH
ON MILITARY LEAVE

By Frances Page

The only words we've heard in the last week, in the Inventory Settlement Unit, are "Where's Hedge?" Of course everyone knows "Hedge" is J. T. Hedgepeth, who is on Military Leave. He has to serve Uncle Sam in two capacities, being a Reserve Officer in the Navy and Unit Head with CSS.

"Hedge" is head of the Inventory Settlement Unit, Examination Section, and is spending two weeks in New Orleans at the Naval Base. We hope they don't work him too hard, coz' we've really got things for him to do on the home front.

"Hedge" was a Lieutenant Commander during World War II.

DWARF APPLE TREES
BEARING GOOD FRUIT

Dwarf apple trees which bear excellent fruit but grow no bigger than eight feet may be the answer to the small backyard.

The University of Idaho extension service says the dwarf trees have the advantage of taking up small space and eliminating difficult pruning, spraying and harvesting.

The service said the quality is as good as the fruit from larger trees and dwarf trees are available in most varieties.

DID YOU KNOW.....

That Thelma Owen, formerly an Order Clerk with Inventory Control and Shipping Unit, Program Operations, CSS, is now in Traffic Management Section, Rates and Services Unit?.....

That Laurissa Heck and Juanita Wilcox celebrated birthdays this month?....

That Mildred Andrews is now Mr. Moseley's secretary?.....

That Dorothy McBride is secretary to Mr. Cunningham?....

That we have some very good horticulturalists in our midst?.....

Corre Curtice

Cora Bowen

Alta McNider

Bernice Fricke

Irene Williams

Frank Isbell

That Bill Williams, formerly administrative Accounting, Dallas CSS, now with the Denver office was in Dallas March 18 for a short visit?....

That Mr. Truesdale has a new kind of barometer. Better ask him about it?

That Mr. McPherson raises parakeets! Is this a hobby or for commercial purposes?.....

That Cordelia Kirkpatrick is now Mr. Sherwood's right hand?....

That Eva Joe Oyler and her husband have a TV Service Shop?....

That Leta Sloan has a "New Buick?" Is it a "3 holer" or a "4 holer", Leta?.....

That Maxine McGrew formerly of FHA is now Mr. Miller's amanuensis?....

That Katy Allison tries to appease her boss by writing poetry?.....

That recent purchases are moving Kansas farm lands into the Dallas region - How about it, Mr. Polson - is that the reason for the terrific sand storms?.....

That Hilda B. Warren will be going to Arkansas before long? Fishing!....

That Irene Cox is very critical of some driver with whom she rides?....

That Bill Williamson is an excellent dancer - yet occasionally trips his date?

That Jarvis has to go without hair combed for days after a shampoo?....

That Tom Daniels commutes from Chicago to 3306 Main every day?....

That Stazie Athas is getting ready for Hollywood - hair cut, eyebrows, eyelashes and all?

That Beecher Terrell's ferocious watchdog had him hauled into court?

That Willetta Jackson had her hair cut juvenile style?

That Jim Caruth prefers jury duty to fiscal accounting?

That Messrs. Bish Neely and R. N. Richardson have been seen in secret conferences for the past month? A mere coincidence that two four pound sirloin steaks weighing a total of eight lbs. were won by Mr. Neely at the FHA farewell party. Other prizes also seem to fall into the hands of such conferees of Mr. Richardson?.....

That when Mr. Richardson called for someone under 10 to draw the tickets for the prizes, was his request as to height, weight, age or mentality? It is apparent that the latter was chosen?.....

That one of the honorees, J. Chastain, won the first of six door prizes?

That Dottie Bankston, former employee of CSS, made a special trip from Austin to attend the FHA party?

That Gus Andrews, former employee of CSS, now in the Freight Rate Service for himself lived it up to the St Louis Shuffle?

That the FHA had more representation, Wheewhise, at the party than CSS?....

That Liberace Benjamins disappointed a few of our fair ladies in not attending the dance, due to the Southwestern Bowling Tournament in Tulsa (understand they placed in the money).....

That Jimmie Bolton attended the FHA party the last five minutes in order to view his sister's

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USDA GRADES OF BEEF DEMONSTRATED AT CSS

"The Federal grade stamp on meat must not be confused with the Federal inspection stamp," stated Miss Kay Nawn, meat specialist of the Livestock Division, AMS, Washington, in her discussion on March 10 at CSS, of the five federal grades of beef usually available to consumers and how to use each grade.

"Federal grades U.S. Choice, U.S. Prime, U. S. Good, U. S. Commercial and U. S. Utility appear in the stamp on meat and denote quality," said Miss Nawn, "while the inspection stamp which reads "U.S. Ins'd. & P'S'D" is your assurance that the meat was wholesome at the time it was inspected."

Miss Nawn explained that USDA Prime grade beef is produced from young and well-fed beef-type cattle; USDA Choice is of high quality but has less fat than beef of the prime grade; USDA Good cuts lack the juiciness associated with a higher degree of fatness, but they have a high proportion of lean to fat and their relative tenderness makes them the preference of many people; USDA Commercial is produced largely from older animals and usually lacks the tenderness of the higher grades; USDA Utility cuts carry very little fat but provide a palatable, economical source of lean meat for pot roasting, stewing, boiling, or ground meat dishes. This grade is very popular for everyday use and can be put to many uses.

"The USDA Good seems to be the preference of thrifty housewives who seek beef with little fat but with an acceptable degree of quality," Miss Nawn said.

PLENTIFUL FOODS FOR APRIL MENUS

IT'S POTATO TIME

Potatoes, our year 'round dish, are especially attractive "right now."

A special nation wide program has been scheduled by the National Potato Council calling attention to the many opportunities for merchandising potatoes. Many retailers offer special low prices for potatoes during the program.

Who doesn't like potatoes? A healthful suggestion for menus are "eat a potato a day." Potatoes pack good food values under their brown jackets. They yield food energy and important vitamins and minerals and also contain a little protein.

Potatoes for Dinner!

What could be better than a nice steaming baked potato for your dinner today? Yum! Yum! Always a favorite, it combines well with other foods for lunch or dinner.

Suggested Potato Uses:

Baked Potatoes cut open with creamed dried beef, tuna, chicken or ham spooned over the top. (To speed the baking of potatoes, cut them in half and brush the cut side with cooking

oil and place cut side down on the baking sheet

Stuff Baked Potatoes by removing cooked potato, add seasonings, mash and stuff with Vienna sausage. For vegetable stuffing, we suggest adding chopped pimiento and cooked peas to the mashed potato and sprinkling with grated cheese.

Potato Salad, hot or cold, may add variety to Lenten luncheon by generously adding hard cooked eggs or cheese.

Escalloped Potatoes with one of the following: Ham, beef, eggs, frankfurter, liver, lunchmeat, salmon or tuna.

Other plentiful foods for April which because of their plentifullness should be somewhat cheaper and afford some savings in grocery budgets are eggs - cabbage - beef - fresh and processed oranges - fresh and processed grapefruit - cranberry sauce - raisins - peanuts and peanut butter-table fats - salad oils - vegetable shortening.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Broilers and fryers (coming to market in record quantities), dairy products, potatoes and onions.

Eating onions is not only a pleasure to most people but it is becoming stylish according to food experts, so enjoy your onions with the assurance that you are in step with the Elite! Watch the Plentiful Food list each month for various items.

SUMMER VS WINTER

By Katy Allison

While everyone else is frettin'
From the heat and the sweatin'
I'm just about to unfreeze
When Sol decrees 100 degrees.

In winter we can't escape,
We just wrap and bundle and drape.
We look like fat eskimos
Attired in all those clothes.

We can't bend to tie a shoe
For fear we'll break right in two;
Or worse still can't straighten --
(Protrudin' like that is degratin'!!)

When the air is dry and hot,
I can hunt a shady spot
And siesta with all ease,
You who love it, can freeze.

You can have snow and sleet,
Icy fingers and frozen feet.
My only comment, though bold,
"Brother, they leave me COLD!"

MAYBE RIGHT?

A colored porter in a hotel was asked why rich men usually gave him small tips, while poor men were liberal.

"Well, suh, boss, I don't know, 'cept the rich man don't want nobody to know he's rich and the po' man don't want nobody t' know he's 'po'."

Did You Know, Continued

new frock? (A YK original)

That Bish Neely has two producing oil wells?....

That Roy Hutchison doesn't know the difference between a gar and a catfish?.....

That Jo and Tom Roach missed the fun and frolic due to a sciatic nerve in her foot, arm, shoulder, neck, or back. Ask Jo where it was.....

That someone missed another sale on tickets, Rich, by not contacting David Wells and Doug Skelton who returned from Cincinnati in time for the party?.....

That O. B. Perry spends a rest period at the Crane Building each working day?

That Yvonne Kile is taking a detective course, and it is not a correspondence course?.....

That you can now purchase a new De Sota, Dodge or Chrysler at Dealer's cost plus one hundred dollars through your club?.....

That Charlie Carlisle has become quite a specification reader since building his own home?....

That Laurel E. (Sully) Sullivan was looking forward to riding a mule in Georgia?.....

That Margie Kavanaugh was feeling much better and occasionally tripped to light fantastic?...End

SIDELIGHTS

By Katherine Zuccaro

David M. Wells, one of our Sports Editors, and Bill Campbell, just a Sport, (without their wives) have been detailed to Cincinnati, Ohio, for 3 weeks to assist in training personnel with regard to handling processed commodities in the Fiscal Division, CSS.

Too bad our Harold Williams didn't have to appear as a witness in New Orleans during the Mardi Gras - Missed a lot of fun! We know this is a business trip because he is taking his wife, Gracie, along.

Congratulations to Myrtle Johnson -- A blessed event -- New baby chinchilla.

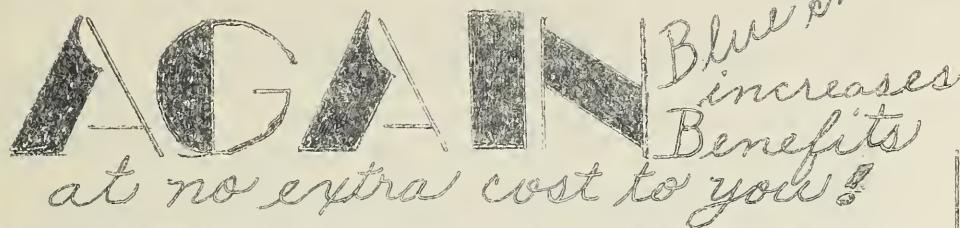
Our beloved Harry Gil- liam after many months being a snaggletooth is now proud of his front teeth.

THOMAS WALLACE ASHTON ARRIVES IN DALLAS

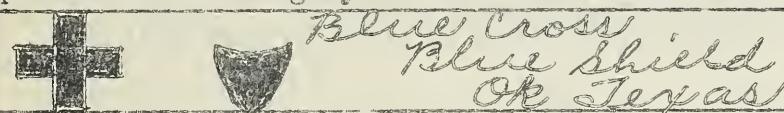
By Jimmie Mize

John C. Ashton became a father for the third time on March 20, 1954, upon the arrival of a 7 pound boy. Thomas Wallace is the name of the newcomer.

John is with the Audit Division, and currently is in charge of the staff of internal auditors assigned to the CSS Commodity Office.



Beginning March 1, Texas Blue Shield benefits are provided for the treatment of tumors (including malignancies) by X-ray or radium when that method is chosen in preference to surgery. The same maximum benefits apply.



Mrs. Benning Retires, Continued

that organization until October of 1940. In November of 1940 she was employed by the Surplus Marketing Administration, a predecessor of CSS, and has continued work with the Organization until the present time.

While with the Organization she has held positions in the various branches and divisions and has performed varied types of duties. In reviewing some of her assignments we found that she has worked as an assistant clerk, chief clerk, clerk-stenographer and Unit supervisor.

Mrs. Benning has performed all of her duties in a most efficient manner. She has been loyal, cooperative and has never felt that she was bound by the limitations of a job description.

Some few days ago Mrs. Benning was overheard to say, "I've always heard of Buck-Passing and I believe I know of it having been done a few times. I never could bring myself to do it but I'm planning to have the pleasure of "Passing the Buck" just one time before I retire." We are of the opinion that when 4:30 P. M. March 31 arrives and Mrs. Benning closes her desk, she can still say "I never passed the Buck."

"Miss Addie," as she is fondly called, will return to Fort Worth to make her home. She has one daughter, Mrs. George Puls, and a host of friends living there who are anxiously awaiting her return. She plans to affiliate herself with her favorite church and civic activities. She also hopes to be able to do many other things which she has always wanted to do but just did not have the time for, get plenty of rest and not have to listen to an early morning alarm clock.

Miss Addie says she has been with us too long not
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EASTER IS NEAR!

A balm to heal the hurts
of pain

Of Spring across the
snow;
A balm to heal the hurts
of pain,
A peace surpassing woe.

Lift up your heads, ye
sorrowing ones,

And be ye glad of heart,
For Calvary and Easter
Day

Were just three days
apart!

With shudder of despair
and loss

The world's deep heart
is wrung.

As, lifted high upon his
cross,

The Lord of Glory hung--

When rocks were rent, and
ghostly forms

Stole forth in street
and mart;
But Calvary and Easter
Day

Earth's blackest day,
and whitest day,

Were just three days
apart.

-Author Unknown

Employee Suggestions

Now is the time to
prove your worth to
the Government Ser-
vice! Submit sugges-
tions for the improve-
ment and simplifica-
tion of operations
which will result in
greater efficiency
and economy!

HERE AND THERE

By Corre Curtice

Randy Sherrard, two months old and 13 lbs. 6 ounces, and mother, Norene, visited the CSS office recently.

Mrs. Sherrard is employed in Fiscal Division, Examination Section, Loan and Custody Unit.

Pamela Williams, 13 weeks old, accompanied by her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams, was making new acquaintances in the CSS office last week. Bill, Pamela's father, was recently transferred from the Dallas CSS office to Denver, Colorado,

Congratulations Bill and Norene!

Daland Caruso, daughter of Del Caruso of CSS, is a member of White Rock Methodist Church Choir. She has been selected by the choir director to take part in the Sunrise Services to be held at Restland Memorial on Easter morning.

Daland has a very promising soprano voice and is training under the direction of Carolyn Friday. She has appeared in two operas produced by the Dallas Lyric Theatre - "Don Pasquale" and "Amahl and the Night Visitors" displaying an ability in histrionics as well as a talent for music.

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L. J. Cappleman Leaves Post, Continued

thirties to aid Texas farmers beset by lack of production because of drouth and low prices. Soon the Farm Security Administration was formed and entered the farm credit picture on a national scale. Cappleman was sent to the North Plains as a District Supervisor. This was in the dust bowl days.

In 1940 he was made Assistant Regional Director of FSA and placed in charge of rural rehabilitation.

In 1941 he was appointed to the post of Regional Administrator of the Surplus Marketing Administration embracing thirteen states with headquarters in Dallas. When USDA streamlined its various activities to meet increased war demands he was appointed Regional Director of the Southwest Region, for the Office of Distribution of War Food Administration. Cappleman was called to Washington in 1945 to be Chief of the Procurement and Price Support Branch of the War Food Administration.

A highlight of Cappleman's government service was his organization and leadership of the Farmers Home Administration field staff in fighting cotton pests. It proved a factor in bringing him an award from the Progressive Farmer Magazine as the 1953 Agricultural "Man of the Year." He was cited for "conspicuous service in promoting improved farming and living practices."

Cappleman was educated in the Honey Grove public schools and Texas A & M College. As a federal official he has had many assignments.

At present he is a member of the Arkansas, White and Red River Inter-Agency Flood Control Water Retardation, Irrigation and Drainage Committee, the Texas State Drouth Committee established by Secretary Benson, and Cotton Insect Control Committee of the National Cotton Council.

Cappleman's FHA organization had reached the peak of its nearly 20 years lending authority just before his scheduled retirement. Within a period of 8 months following July 1, 1953 loans totalled nearly \$45 million dollars as compared to an average lending total of \$10 million within a fiscal year. The mounting total of loan dollars stems from drouth conditions which have paralyzed Texas farming and ranching for three years.

Your Payroll Savings Plan gives you an opportunity to save systematically by purchasing United States Savings Bonds.



RED CROSS CAMPAIGN
PROVED SUCCESSFUL

By B. J. Cox

Congratulations to all -- Our recent Red Cross Campaign was a success -- Thanks to all of you -

Quoted below are the Agency Statistics:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Percentage of Participation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Commodity Office	71%	\$296.70
Reg. F. H. A.	90%	94.50
F. H. A.	95%	111.00
Office of Audit	90%	55.50
C & I	66%	57.00
Food Distribution	76%	33.50
Office of Information Services	100%	<u>9.00</u>
		\$658.20
	Total	

We can all rest assured that our contributions were made for a good cause -

Let's all continue to participate in these welfare projects and take our place in other civic activities of our community.

P. M. MILLER AND MYRON C. TRUESDALE
RECEIVE LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Saving to Commodity Office Effected

P. M. Miller, Head, Inventory Control and Shipping Unit, Commodity Specialist Staff, CSS, and Myron C. Truesdale, Head, Rate Verification and Analysis Unit, Traffic Management Section, CSS, each recently received a letter of commendation from C. H. Moseley, Director, CSS, for work performed in reducing light and heavy weighing charges on grain.

Formerly the enroute light and heavy weighing charges of \$12.32 per car had been applied against the corrected basis of the destination light and heavy weighing charges of \$5.18 per car. This resulted in a saving of \$7.14 per car.

Mr. Moseley's attention was called to this worthwhile achievement by C. W. Polson, Chairman, Employee Suggestion and Awards Committee, Dallas CSS Commodity Office.

Miller and Truesdale have been with our organization for a number of years each. Both are alert for opportunities to improve the efficiency of work.

KENAF: What is it?

By Irby Q. Rankin

This question has been asked on various occasions by office personnel working with this commodity.

During World War II, the United States found herself with a serious shortage of materials to make cotton wrappings, burlap bags and related materials. As a result, the U.S.D.A. Cotton Branch was given the responsibility, at the interest of the Defense Administration, to develop a Western grown substitute for Jute. Various little known plants were experimented with resulting in the development of a plant known to us as Kenaf, the origin of which is Cuba.

In 1951, the Cotton Branch entered into contracts with growers to produce Kenaf seed under Price Support with a guaranteed price. In 1952, 10,000 acres were under contract in Florida, Cuba and a few Central and South American countries with continued efforts being made to develop improved varieties in view of encouraging private industry to take the leadership.

The seeds are planted in May or June in tropical or sub-tropical areas in rows 5 to 8 inches or drilled broadcast. Plants look somewhat like a sunflower and grow to a height of 10 feet with a potential yield of 3500 pounds of fiber per acre. When harvesting for fiber,

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Kenaf Story, Cont'd

the harvesting is done before seed development. Maturity time for full fiber is about 120 days. Harvesting is done by all methods from hand sickle to combination power driven harvesters which cut and partially hammer out fiber at the same operation. Separation of wood fiber is by retting (same procedure as the separation of flax fibers) or by mechanical means. Continued efforts are being made to improve and perfect a mechanical means of separation.

The seeds have considerable value as an oil. The seed yield an oil similar to cottonseed oil with a yield up to 300 pounds of oil per ton. The Kenaf seed meal contains approximately 30% protein and is good livestock feed. It may also be used as fertilizer.

CSS Offices are responsible for the price support, storage, shipping and disposal of seeds along with the responsibility of shipping fiber stocks. At present, one and one-half million pounds are in storage in two warehouses in Florida and six in Cuba.

Seed is stored under cold storage conditions, 40-42 degrees Fahrenheit and 65-75% Humidity in Cuba where storage arrangements are made with the Cuban Ministry of Agriculture. In Florida, seed is stored at 36-40

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Mrs. Benning Retires, Continued

to miss us and not to be interested in the welfare of all the individuals and the organization and that she expects us to keep her posted. Therefore, we don't believe it would be wise for any of us to go to Fort Worth and not pay her a visit - at the Lucerne Apartments, Pennsylvania Avenue.

MANY HAPPY DAYS AHEAD FOR YOU, MISS ADDIE!!!!

degrees Fahrenheit and 85-90% Humidity.

With the view of encouraging private industry in taking the leadership in developing Kenaf, CCC owned seed stocks have been offered for sale to producers in recent announcements.

Seeds are valued up to fifty cents per pound, and top grade fiber up to thirty-two cents per pound.

THE USDA CLUB EXPRESSES SYMPATHY TO THE FOLLOWING:

The Dewey L. Thomas family in the loss of Mrs. Thomas' mother on March 21st in Fort Worth.

Maybelle Shoemaker in the loss of her aunt in Tyler, Texas, March 21st.

Saving

First Government Worker: "Since I have my new car I don't have to walk to the bank to make my deposits."

Second Government Worker: "Now you drive over, eh?"

First Government Worker: "No, I just don't make any."

CONGRATULATIONS!! Linda Lou Perry arrived at Florence Nightingale Hospital March 24, 11:37 P.M. Proud parents are Mr. & Mrs. Charles R. Perry. Charlie is a Warehouse Examiner in the Field Operations Division. ***

He Will Do It

If you want to get a favor done

By some obliging friend,
And want a promise, safe
and sure

On which you may depend,
Don't go to him who always
has

Much leisure time to
plan; But if you want your
favor done,

Just ask the busy man.

The man with leisure never
has

A moment he can spare,
He's always "putting off"
until

His friends are in des-
pair.

But he whose every waking
hour

Is crowded full of work,
Forgets the art of wasting
time,

He cannot stop to shirk.
So when you want a favor
done

And want it right away,
Go to the man who constant-
ly

Works twenty hours a day.

He'll find a moment sure,
somewhere,

That has no other use,
And fix you while the idle
man

Is framing an excuse.

--Exchange

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

Are you planning a garden this season?

If so, it might be well to consider that plants might like a well balanced diet.

Plant food has done wonders for gardeners in recent years.

Amateur gardeners who seek efficiency insist upon high fertility in their gardens, which permits them to reduce the cultivated area and the work of caring for it without decreasing production.

The placement method which is believed to insure maximum effect from plant food at a minimum cost is used as follows:

Prepare the soil by spading or plowing, rake it smooth, and decide on the layout of rows. Stretch the line which marks the first row. On each side of this line two or three inches away make a shallow trench with the corner of the hoe blade, say three inches deep. Then sprinkle plant food in these trenches, using two pounds per 100 feet of row, in each trench. Cover with soil, and proceed to make the seed drill and sow seed midway between the fertilizer trenches.

It has been found that too much plant food, especially nitrogen in the soil near the seed may delay sprouting, especially of tomatoes, cucumbers, radishes and many flowers.

It is not needed at first, since the seedlings are unable to use it until they have made true leaves. The "seed leaves," which develop first in most plants do perform digestive functions. Food should be near-by, however, because it is needed as soon as true leaves form.

If plant food is mixed with the soil beneath the seed or to one side of it, at root level, separated from the seed by unfertilized soil, the roots will find it when they begin to grow and need it.

In small areas nothing can be saved by having the soil tested to determine its plant food needs. A balanced commercial plant food, containing all needed elements, if used in sufficient quantity will bring any average soil up to proper fertility.

One hundred pounds of plant food costs much less than a day's work by a hired gardener helper; but it is worth several times as much in the increased yield, and the reduced labor which its use will bring.

HARLAND WRIGHT UNDERGOES MAJOR SURGERY AT MCKINNEY

Harland Wright, one of our best USDA reporters from the Commodity Specialist Staff (Grain), Program Operations Division, underwent major surgery at the VA Hospital, McKinney, Texas, on March 1.

Harland is convalescing at his home, 1803 Moser.

JUDGE LEE P. PIERSON OPENS PRIVATE OFFICE

Former attorney, in the Office of the Solicitor, USDA, Lee P. Pierson has opened an office for the general practice of law at 521 Republic National Bank Building, Dallas, Texas.

Judge (Podner) Pierson is well known to all USDA employees. He is a former president of the USDA Club and has been active on many committees, especially the Personal Acquaintance committees.

Although busy in his new work, he recently took time to write a letter to President R. N. Richardson of the USDA Club, extending congratulations to the Club on its enthusiasm in getting the Club Work started for 1954. He is still interested in his USDA friends and looks forward to seeing them at USDA Club parties.

Wasn't Quite Clear

A Fort Worth soldier stationed in New Mexico, wrote to his mother:

"Mom, although, I've been here only a short time, I've devoted some time to educational recreation. For instance, I have just made a tour of the Carlsbad Caverns."

Then he wrote another letter to a pal back home, in which he said, "Just made a tour of the Carlsbad Caverns. Thought the guy I went with said Carlsbad Taverns."

NOTICE - PLEASE -
ALL READERS

It has been suggested that the name of the USDA Club News be changed.

At the last two meetings of the USDA Club Board of Directors and Committee Chairmen this subject was discussed and it was decided that before we ask for suggestions for a new name, we should contact all members to see if the majority wanted a change made.

A committee of three was appointed and we can think of no better way of contacting ALL members than through this paper.

WILL EACH READER
PLEASE

either write or call one of the following members and express your opinion either "for" or "against" a change:

Russell Vernon
3306 Main St., Ext. 2264
Lucille Dickey
3306 Main St., Ext. 841
John Adams
Room 580
Terminal Annex, Ext. 874

Sand Proves It

"Mandy," called Mrs. Hardboil, "Just come into the dining room a minute. Now look at this. I can write my name in the dust on this table."

"Yassum," replied Mandy, "Hit 'sho am great to hab a eddication."

- SPORTS -

By B. J. Cox

Our apologies to the Fair Sex - We assure you that there was no intention of discrimination - in fact all prior discussions have been of a general nature - so let's get specific - Those of you (both male and female) who are interested in sports to the extent of actual participation (No backsliders) please indicate your choices on the form, sign, and submit to Dave Wells, who will be happy(?) to tabulate and report the results in the next issue of the News.

I desire to participate in the following sport(s):

Name Day of Week

Soft Ball: _____

Bowling : _____

Golf : _____

Swimming : _____

I am willing to pay my pro-rata share of expense (if any) associated therewith.

Signature

If you have any preferences as to time and day of week, please indicate opposite name of sport - This should separate the doers from the talkers. Are we social or

anti social - I, for one, will be interested in the results of this survey -

Let's All Participate!
-----WHY FORMAL?

Golf Instructor: "I'm afraid, sir, that you are not addressing the ball in the proper manner."

Would-be Golfer: "Oh, nonsense. Surely it's not necessary to be so confoundedly formal."

Dead After All

Dewey L. Thomas entered recently into conversation with Myron C. Truesdale about hunting trips.

Said Mr. Truesdale, "Once I was hunting lions in Africa and discovered a lion standing 20 feet away, and I didn't have my gun. The lion kept coming closer and closer until he was only five feet away."

"What happened?" asked Thomas.

"He leaped at me and killed me."

"What do you mean, he killed you?" said Thomas. "You're sitting here very much alive."

Replied Mr. Truesdale, looking at his papers, "After being that successful, do you call this living?"

USDA CLUB GIVES GALA FAREWELL PARTY FOR FHA FINANCEOFFICE PERSONNEL TRANSFERRING TO ST. LOUIS AREA OFFICE

Door Prizes, Dancing And Good Fun Highlight Evening Program

As a farewell gesture to members of the FHA Finance Office who are transferring with that office to St. Louis the USDA Club gave a gala party in their honor on Friday evening, March 19, at the downtown VFW Club Hall.

More than two hundred members and well-wishers attended.

Door prizes were awarded several of those present and dancing and "visiting" highlighted the affair.

In commenting on the affair, R. N. Richardson, President of the USDA Club, expressed appreciation to all those who made the party a success.

Mr. Richardson said, "I feel sure that all members of the USDA Club join me in wishing the very best possible for these fine folk who are leaving us and it is our wish that they have much success and happiness in the St. Louis Area."

"I know most of these folk personally," Mr. Richardson said, "and I wish to thank them for all the good things they have done to make the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture a better place to work."

Mr. Richardson said that good fellowship and understanding can only be obtained by the full cooperation of all concerned, and

in this respect, the FHA has responded 100%.

Marshall Bond and his committee planned the affair.

BUY EASTER SEALS !

No doubt, most of you have received a package of Easter Seals from the Dallas Society for Crippled Children. Do your part and give generously. The need is greater than ever before!

THAT'S SUCCESS !

It's doing your job the best you can
and being just to your fellow man;
It's making money - but holding friends
And true to your aims and ends;
It's figuring how and learning why
and looking forward and thinking high
And dreaming a little and doing much.
It's keeping always in closest touch
With what is finest in word and deed;
It's being thorough, yet making speed;
It's daring blithely the field of chance
While making labor a brave romance;
It's going onward despite defeat
And fighting staunchly, but keeping sweet;
It's being clean and it's playing fair;
It's laughing lightly at Dame Despair;
It's looking up at the stars above
And drinking deeply of life and love.
It's struggling on with the will to win
But taking loss with a cheerful grin;
It's sharing sorrow and work and mirth
And making better this good old earth;
It's serving, striving through strain
and stress;
It's doing your noblest - that's Success!

John F. Dennehy, Jr., a capable member of the Commodity Tab Group since June 1, 1950, resigned March 26 to accept a position with the Southern Union Gas Co. on 29th. Best wishes, Jack! And welcome to Gay Wester who comes over from FHA Finance in Jack's place.

Accounting Section also welcomes Eloise T. Brown, FHA employee who succeeded Dottie Bankston on March 15.

HOW TO HANDLE A PROBLEM

1. Get the facts. Be sure you have the whole story.
2. Weigh and decide. Don't jump at conclusions!
3. Take action! Don't pass the buck.
4. Check results:
Watch for changes in:
Output
Attitudes
Relationships
Did your action help
Production?

